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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Advisory Action of January 5, 2006 and the final rejection of March 23, 2005, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of record and allowance of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10.